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## **EAST TEXANS INDICTED FOR FEDERAL GUN CRIMES THROUGH PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS**

(Tyler, TX) Two East Texas men were indicted yesterday by a federal grand jury in Tyler for separate federal firearms violations in the Eastern District of Texas.

**RONALD EUGENE CHAMBERLAIN**, 36, of Bullard, Texas was indicted for Felon in Possession of a Firearm, and Felon in Possession of Ammunition.

According to information presented by prosecutors, on October 26, 2004 deputies from the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a residence on County Road 3503 in response to a reported disturbance in progress. Chamberlain was found to be in possession of a .22 caliber revolver and several rounds of .22 caliber ammunition. Chamberlain has four prior felony Burglary convictions out of Cherokee County.

If convicted Chamberlain faces up to ten years in federal prison and a \$250,000.00 fine.

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**LARRY SHANE SILLICK**, 35, of Tyler was indicted for Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of Drug Trafficking, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, and Unlawful User of a Controlled Substance in Possession of a Firearm. According to information presented by prosecutors, on December 10, 2004 Sillick was riding as a passenger in a car stopped by a Harrison County Sheriff's deputy on Interstate 20 for a traffic violation. Sillick was arrested on outstanding warrants and found to be in possession of approximately 7 grams of methamphetamine and a semi-automatic pistol. Sillick has two prior felony convictions out of Gregg and Smith counties for Driving While Intoxicated - Subsequent and Theft.

If convicted, Sillick faces up to life in federal prison and a \$1 million fine.

A Grand Jury indictment is not evidence of guilt. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is a comprehensive, strategic approach to gun law enforcement that targets gun crime and violent offenders in an effort to make our communities safer. Over the past four years, law enforcement across America increased federal gun crime prosecutions by 76%. Here in the Eastern District of Texas, gun crime

prosecutions are up an impressive 93%.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Noble is prosecuting the cases.

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